

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to David Mason VAS506

[vsl 63VA](#)

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

It appears by a list of such of the Officers and Soldiers in the Virginia line on Continental establishment as received certificates for the balance of their full pay or depreciation, that David Mason a Colonel in the said line received on the 23rd July 8 1784 a certificate for the sum of £235.1.4 – Given under my hand this 8th day of October 1831

S/ James E Heath, Auditor

[pp 3-4: illegible document which appears to be the petition of the heirs of Col. David Mason to the Governor of Virginia.]

[pp 6-9: split images of the record of John H. Smith, Commissioner, addressed to the Governor of Virginia reporting on the petition of the heirs of Colonel David Mason.]

[pp 12-13: mostly illegible correspondence]

[pp 15-16]

I John Crawford of Petersburg Virginia do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with Colonel David Mason who was commander of the 15th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in the Revolutionary war, and I was also acquainted with him since the war and never heard anything disrespectful of him as an officer. Given under my hand this 6th day of October 1831

S/ John Crawford



I Humphrey Druway of Southampton County Virginia do hereby Certify that Littlebury Mason, Thomas Mason Nat Mason Littleton Mason, Elizabeth Richardson formerly Mason Mary Williams formerly Mason & Rebecca Williamson formerly Mason, are all considered to be the Sons and Daughters of Colonel David Mason and the only lawful heirs of his Given under my hand this 4th day of April 1831

S/ Humphrey Druway [?]

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the
peace for Southampton County this 8th April 1831

S/ Jas. T. Cloud, JP

[pp 23-24: split image]

I Thos. Wilkinson Senr. of the County of Dinwiddie & State of
Virginia do hereby Certified that Colonel David Mason commanded
the fifteenth Virginia upon Continental establishment

During the Revolutionary war some time in service and other
times on other duties but served as Colonel for 3 years

or more given my hand this 14th day of April 1831.

S/ Thomas Wilkinson, Sr.

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I John Slate [?] of Virginia and County of Brunswick do hereby certify that I was well acquainted
with Colonel David Mason who commanded the 15th Virginia Regiment upon Continental
establishment during the revolutionary War and that he continued in the service for 3 years and
perhaps longer. I belonged to a company commanded by Captain James Mason which company
was attached to the said Regiment. Captain James Mason was in the service 3 years or more
sometimes commanding & sometimes on recruiting & other Service. Given under my hand this
23rd day of March 1831.

S/ John Slate, X his mark

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I John Slate of Virginia and County of Brunswick do hereby certify that I was well acquainted
with Doctor Thomas Jenkins who was Surgeon to the 15th Virginia Regiment commanded by
Colonel David Mason upon Continental establishment and during the Revolutionary War, and
that he continued to act in that capacity for three years. Given under my hand this 23rd day of
March 1831

S/ John Slate, X his mark

I John Goodrum Senior¹ of Virginia and County of Greenville do hereby certify that I was well
acquainted with Doctor Thomas Jinkins who was surgeon to the 15th Virginia Regiment
commanded by Colonel David Mason upon Continental establishment during the Revolutionary
war and that he continued to act in that capacity for three years. Given under my hand this 25th
of March 1831

S/ John Goodman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Goodman". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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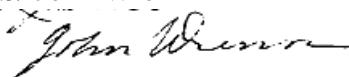
I do hereby certify that I was born the 11th of May 1762 according to the register of my Father, I

¹ FPA S8589

enlisted in Captain Cosmo Medici's Squadron of Horse, attached to Bland's Regiment the Virginia quota in August 1778, I was raised within a few miles of Colonel David Mason's residence in the County of Sussex and knew him well, I was in Pulaski's Legion encamped at St. John's Chapel in 1779 the British at that time lay in St. John's Island when Colonel David Mason arrived with the Virginia Troops and joined General Lincoln a few weeks before the Battles at Stony ferry [sic, Stono ferry, June 20, 1779], the battle at Stony Ferry took place as well as I now recollect in the month of June 1779 the above is strongly impressed on my mind from the circumstance of my having had my horse killed from under me at Stony Ferry and myself wounded, I was carried to the Hospital at Charleston and was attended by Doctor John Trisvant [?]² a native of South Carolina, and attached to the Army, I am now drawing a pension for life for services rendered to the end of the war of the revolution.

Given under my hand in the City of Richmond this 14 day of May in the year 1835

S/ John Wrenn³

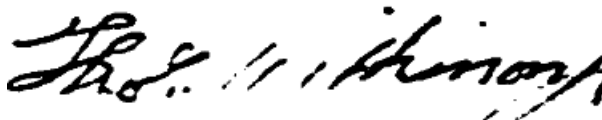


[Note: Wrenn gave another affidavit on page 56, but the image is so bad the document is illegible.]

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I Thomas Wilkinson Senior of the County of Dinwiddie & State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Doctor Thomas Jenkins who was Surgeon to 15th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel David Mason upon Continental establishment during the Revolutionary war and that he continued to act in that capacity for 3 years, given under my hand this 13th day of April 1831

S/ Thos. Wilkinson, Senior⁴




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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 23rd day of July 1784, in the name of David Mason, as a Colonel for £285.1.4, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782, to wit as Colonel of 15th Virginia Regiment from 1st January 1777 to 31st July 1778

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
24th day of March 1834.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR



² [John Wrenn S7979](#)

³ [John Wrenn S7979](#)
⁴ [Thomas Wilkinson \(Wilkerson\) S41347](#)